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Serial No.: 10/642,275	Examiner: K. Whittington
Filing or 371(c) date: August 18, 2003	
Title: PHOTOMAGNETIC FIELD SENSOR	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of three (3) references cited in the enclosed Official Communication issued in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have ordered an English translation of the Japanese Official Communication and we will file it in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in due course.

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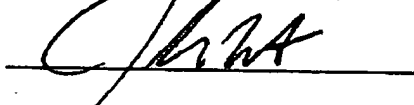
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Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be made of record in the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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